

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ method for treating non-ischemic heart failure, which comprises administering to a patient in need thereof a colony-stimulating factor as an active ingredient in an amount effective for treating non-ischemic heart failure.

2. (Currently Amended) The ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ method according to claim 1, wherein the non-ischemic heart failure is caused by exacerbation of cardiomyopathy.

3. (Currently Amended) The ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ method according to claim 2, wherein the cardiomyopathy is idiopathic cardiomyopathy.

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4. (Currently Amended) The ~~pharmaceutical composition~~ method according to claim 3, wherein the idiopathic cardiomyopathy is dilated cardiomyopathy.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~, wherein the colony-stimulating factor is granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.

Claims 6-7 (Cancelled)

8. (Original) A kit for treating non-ischemic heart failure, which comprises a colony-stimulating factor in an amount effective for treating non-ischemic heart failure, and instructions for use.

9. (New) The method according to claim 2, wherein the colony-stimulating factor is granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.

10. (New) The method according to claim 3, wherein the colony-stimulating factor is granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.

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11. (New) The method according to claim 4, wherein the colony-stimulating factor is granulocyte colony-stimulating factor.